

HOW TO RAISE BROOMCORN SUCCESSFULLY

Beaver County Man writes interestingly on How to Plant and Cultivate This Profitable Crop.

As to how to prepare land and plant broom corn seed, will say, we have had some experience, and will give it for the benefit of those that may want to raise broom corn.

I. How to prepare sod land or the first year's crop on new land. We use sod plows, but any good plow that will turn the land over and leave it smooth will do. I am an advocate of deep plowing, and would say plow three or four inches on sod, although you should be your own judge as to how deep to plow. But be sure to use a harrow as fast as you plow, or use a drag. We use a drag. What you plow in the morning, drag before going to dinner, and the same way in the evening. This will keep your land from drying out. Plant with any good two-row planter, either runner or disc. You will find blank plates with planters. Take them to your blacksmith and have from twelve to eighteen holes drilled just large enough to let one seed through at a time. For sod, plant one seed every seven inches; the amount of holes will depend on the speed of your planter. Plant the same depth you would sorghum cane seed, and your sod crop will need no more work until ready to harvest.

For old land, or land that is in cultivation, prepare the same as you would for corn. We prefer the lister, but be your own judge as to this. Plant one seed every four inches in drill, and about three and a half foot rows; sod, three-foot rows. Cultivate the old land as you would maize or cotton corn, and be sure to keep all the weeds and grass out. Broom corn is a very tender plant, and weeds will damage it very quickly. At every cultivation add a little dirt to keep it from suckering.

I think all of Oklahoma and Texas would grow good broom corn if the right varieties were planted in several different parts. For an altitude of 2,000 feet or more, and with about twenty inches of rainfall, plant the dwarf varieties. For a less altitude and more rain, plant the standard, although the standard will grow anywhere, but will stand more rain without damage than the dwarf. Be sure to plant good seed, and if properly cultivated and harvested, it will net you from \$5 to \$20 per acre.

We plant here in Beaver county, Oklahoma, from April 1 to July 2. When more than ten acres are planted, plant ten acres, wait ten or twelve days and plant again, and so on until your crop is planted. This gives you more time to harvest your crop and less expense for hired help. Sod land will make as much as old land.

Prices vary according to the quality and how it is prepared for the market.

Write to any reliable seed house for your seed; we have none to sell.

The dwarf varieties rank for length in brush or switch, as follows: Texas Evergreen, first; Oklahoma, second; California, third, and Japanese, fourth. There will be some expense in building sheds, but every farmer needs them anyway.—A. A. Koon, Floris, Beaver county, Oklahoma, in Dallas, Texas, Semi-Weekly Farm News.

Mrs. Hawthorne Safe.

When it was learned in this city that the Briggs Sanatorium at Dallas had been burned last Saturday afternoon, many people were anxious over the fate of Mrs. D. M. Hawthorne of this city who was at the sanatorium for treatment. Later a telegram was received announcing that all patients had been safely removed and that Mrs. Hawthorne was unhurt.

Improvement Entertainment.

Under the auspices of the Civic Improvement club of this city, quite an enjoyable program was rendered at the opera house last Friday night, local talent giving the entire entertainment. The attendance was good considering the amount of publicity given the matter and a nice sum was realized for the new drinking fountain which the club proposes to install upon the public square instead of the unsightly tin affair now being used. The program as given in last week's paper was substantially carried out.

Delivery Examination.

On tomorrow an examination will be held in this city for the position of carrier for the rural free-delivery route which is to be started out of Canyon City on the first of May. We understand that there are quite a number of applicants and that appointment for both carrier and substitute are to be made. As to just who is to conduct the examination, no announcement has as yet been made but it is probable that the Post Office department will send a man to make it.

G. S. Frary, one of those prosperous farmers of the Happy community, was in town Tuesday looking after some business. He stated to the News man that the wheat and oats in his section were in fine condition and that should there be no more moisture for thirty days the crops would not be damaged. The recent snow has placed the ground in fine condition and all the farmers of his community were either breaking sod or were preparing their old ground for the spring crops.

As chairman of the organization to encourage the tree planting in Canyon, I desire to state that while we have stimulated many people to plant trees on the different streets and have met with the hearty cooperation of most of the resident citizens of the town, yet on account of so much property being owned by out of town parties, we have been unable to systematically plant the streets as first contemplated.

I wish to suggest to all citizens that we have agreed to a line of nine feet from the edge of the blocks for planting and if all persons planting trees will conform to this rule there will be much more system and uniformity. The City Council has also agreed to that line so that although the line may now seem to be in the street or ditch it is still safe to plant trees as you will be protected at that line.

Respectfully,

A. N. HENSON.

Two young ladies boarded a crowded street car and were obliged to stand. One of them to steady herself took hold of what she supposed was her friend's hand. They had stood thus for some time, when on looking down she discovered she was holding a man's hand. Greatly embarrassed, she exclaimed: "Oh, I've got the wrong hand!" Whereupon the man with a smile stretched forth his other hand, saying: "Here is the other one, madam."—Washington Post.

After a visit with friends in Amarillo, Miss Anna Buie returned to her home in this city last Saturday.

Fulton Brown left Monday morning in order to attend the cattlemen's convention at Roswell.

Ed. Huffman and Clyde McElroy left Monday night in order to take in the convention at Roswell.

Mrs. C. P. Hutchings spent several days of this week on a visit with her mother at Amarillo.

DO NOT KNOW OF TEXAS GROWTH.

Chicagoan says North and East Havenot Faintest Idea of Movement—In Five Years Has Gained 600 Per Cent.

"It is difficult for those who do not follow closely such movements, to realize the tremendous growth of this great state," said F. L. Vandegrist, traveling correspondent of the Atchison, Top-eka & Santa Fe railway system, Thursday. "In the North and East we hear that Texas is growing; that it is mecca of many thousands; that it is the golden land of opportunity; but we do not really comprehend just what is being done. We do not know the magnitude of this growth."

"In 1908 the Santa Fe railway carried into the Panhandle and south plains country of Texas and the Pecos valley of New Mexico, 1,648 carloads of immigrant outfits. A carload of such freight represents two families; occasionally three. Assuming the average number of persons in a family to be five, the carload lots hauled by the Santa Fe means no less than 16,480 new population settled along that railway alone. Besides, many families have gone in with less than carload lots, or by team. In addition, the Rock Island and the Fort Worth & Denver railways have hauled into the Panhandle equal numbers of immigrants."

"The shipments of grain to outside markets is another indication of this growth. There are no figures at hand of the quantities carried by the other two railways, but the Santa Fe reports more than 2,400 carloads. From Higgins station were shipped 660 carloads; Glazier, 185; Canadian, 135; Miami, 100; Pampa, 80; Panhandle, 90; Canyon City, 85; Hereford, 180; Plainview branch, 370. These stations are all in Texas."

"From Amarillo, which has three railways, the Santa Fe hauled 175 carloads, and if the other two railways hauled from there the same quantity, respec-

tively, there was shipped from that station 525 carloads. Possibly there were shipped from Amarillo a greater number of carloads by the other two lines; for those lines, besides carrying farm products eastward and northward haul large quantities of grain southeastward to Galveston for export or coastwise trade."

"However, considering only the grain hauled by the Santa Fe railway, these shipments are a convincing sign that the country no longer is in the experimental stage. Ten years ago, or even five, in some localities, it still was a cattle country, but now it is farm land. Within five years the Plainview section, out of which the railway hauled 370 carloads of grain last year, contained the habitations only of cattlemen. Now the herds have retired within wire fences, and farmers are claiming lands and homes. By the settlement of this new population in the new country, Plainview has become a town of 3,500 or more population and is the trade center for a large area of country. Amarillo five years ago a town of 1,200 or 2,000 population now claims 12,000. The other towns mentioned, villages only a few years ago, have grown in equal proportion."

"The movement of new population into the country, this spring, summer and fall is expected to be greater than ever. Many men who never have seen the country accepting the judgment of old neighbors who are moving, will join the procession. So great has been this tide that many immigrants are pushing beyond the railway into the country south, east and west of Plainview."—Ft. Worth Record.

J. A. Wadkins of Deming, N. M. was in this city the first of the week on a prospecting tour. He expressed himself as being well pleased with the country and its development. He left for points on the South Plains Monday.

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